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Chief Medical Officer of Health Announces Restart of Health Care Practices

Registered Denturists,

The time has come. The Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Dr. David Williams, has revised Directive 2 effective today, May 26, 2020. Directive 2 previously limited care to essential services only. The revised Directive 2 provides for the gradual restart of health care services, including ALL (non-essential and essential) denturism care and services. As of today, you may restart your practice and begin seeing patients for all types of care provided you are able to implement the additional precautions outlined in the College's Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists.

The full text of the revised Directive 2 can be found [here](#). The essential pieces of the Directive are:

1. All deferred and non-essential and elective services may be gradually restarted, subject to the requirements of the Directive.
2. The Directive recognizes that health care professionals are in the best position to determine which services should be provided in-person. However, Registered Denturists must continue to consider which, if any, services can be provided remotely. For those services that are provided in-person, they must be provided safely with appropriate IPAC processes and sufficient PPE. The appropriate IPAC processes and PPE requirements are outlined in the College's [Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists](#) and the general [Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines](#).
3. PPE should be sourced through your regular supply chains. The Ontario government has developed an online workplace [PPE Supplier Directory](#).
4. As you gradually restart the provision of services, you must comply with the requirements set out in [COVID-19 Operational Requirements: Health Sector Restart \(May 26, 2020\)](#). This document details the operational requirements for all Regulated Health Professions. Consequently, it contains a lot of information that would not apply to Registered Denturists or the practice of Denturism (such as testing for COVID-19 or how to treat a COVID-19 infected patient).

The College's Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists has been revised to include any items that are in the Operational Requirements that were missing from the Guide for Return to Practice (there was very little that we needed to add). To let you know what was changed, we have added a table of revisions at the end of the Guide for Return to Practice. In the future, we will update this every time there is a change to the document and inform Registered Denturists of important changes by email and posting on the College website.

As much as the last few months have been challenging, the return to practice in this new environment will present its own set of challenges. The pace of practice will, of necessity, be slower due to the additional IPAC precautions. It makes sense to limit the number of appointments at the beginning of restarting your practice until you have become familiar with the IPAC procedures as they are incorporated into your practice.

The College and Council thank-you for your patience over the last couple of months. We recognize that this has been a stressful time. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions as you restart your practice.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Pettifer
Registrar and CEO

Links to the following documents:

[Directive #2 for Health Care Providers](#)

[COVID-19 Operational Requirements for Health Sector Restart](#)

[College's Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists](#)

[College's general Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines](#)

Questions?

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